

# God's Covenant with David

## 2 Samuel 7

### A David's desire to build a house for the Lord, 7:1-3

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Hiram of Tyre finished building David's new palace

David moved into it.

Time of peace

David feels guilty -- Lord has only tent / tabernacle.

Wants to build magnificent temple for Lord.

Tells prophet Nathan

### B God's way of administering the covenant, 7:4-29

#### 1 God's promise, 7:4-17

##### 2 Sam 7:4-9

1 Chron 22:7-10 Lord likes idea--doesn't give David permission

Shed too much blood.

His son build it.

David's motives right in all this.

The glory of God.

Just because we come up with good ideas and our motives are right doesn't mean that God approves.

**2 Sam 7: 10-13** Davidic Covenant.

*Covenant*: binding agreement; promise.

Two types of covenant:

Conditional and unconditional

Works and grace

There are 8 "forevers" in chapter.

Three given by Lord

Five from David's mouth in response.

Family, throne and kingdom continue forever.

Build different kind of house for David.

##### 2 Sam 7:10-15

*12 ... I will set up thy seed after thee, ...*

*13 ... I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.*

*15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him,...*

There is nothing David's seed could do to cause God to withdraw His mercy.

*2 Sam 7:16 ... thy throne shall be established for ever.*

## Unconditional promise

Not founded upon what David would do or not do.

Based upon what God determined to do according to His eternal purpose of grace.

1. Kingdom of Solomon established after David's death (v.12).
2. Solomon build temple (v.13).
3. David's house continue forever (v.16).
4. David's throne established forever (v.16)

First two promises fulfilled during Solomon's reign.

Last two were messianic promises. (cf. Ps 89:3, 4, 26-37; Ezek 34:23, 24; Lk 1:32).

## **2 David's praise, 7:18-29**

### **2 Sam 7:18**

Normal practice to sit in presence of Lord while meditating.

*Who am I...* why bestowed such honor on me?

Matt Hen: *It very well becomes the greatest and best of men, even in the midst of the highest advancements, to have low and mean thoughts of themselves; for the greatest of men are worms, the best are sinners, and those that are highest advanced have nothing but what they have received*

David's statements of praise:

### **1. God is Gracious.**

#### **2 Sam 7:19**

Is this something you normally do to everyone?

#### **2 Sam 7:20**

What more can I say?

#### **2 Sam 7:21**

You have kept your promise

### **2. God is Great**

#### **2 Sam 7:22**

Matt Hen: *for the nearer any are brought to God the more they see of his glory, and the dearer we are in his eyes the greater he should be in ours*

#### **2 Sam 7:23-27**

*O LORD Almighty, God of Israel, I have been bold enough to pray this prayer because you have revealed that you will build a house for me – an eternal dynasty!*

### 3. God is full of Glory.

2 Sam 7:28-29

*And now, may it please you to bless me and my family so that our dynasty may continue forever before you. For when you grant a blessing to your servant, O Sovereign LORD, it is an eternal blessing!"*

## So What?

Just because we come up with good ideas and our motives are right doesn't mean that God approves.

God knows us—inside and out.

God shows us grace

His covenant with us (New Covenant—New Testament) not based upon what we will do for God but on what God has determined to do according to His eternal purpose of grace.

God keeps His word—unconditional promise to us.

*15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him,*

**Titus 3:5** *<sup>5</sup>Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

The more I get to know Him the more overwhelmed I am with His grace.

The more overwhelmed I am with His grace, the more I want to give Him glory.

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